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I appreciate the chance to give feedback on the Microsoft/DOJ settlement.

I believe the settlement is as fair as it can be for both sides. The remedies in terms of financial 'punishment' is really unimportant - what is more important is the independent team of 'watch-dogs' that will look over Microsoft's shoulder to ensure fair business practices for the future.

Microsoft are creating products that we all benefit from (what would modern life be without computers, Windows, Word, Excel, etc.). Look at all the industries that has benefited from Microsoft's success (Hewlett-Packard - personal printers), AOL & Netscape was dependent on Windows' success, etc, etc.

It is important to the U.S. Economy that we look forward. Let's settle the case - put measures in place (the independent watch-dogs) to ensure that Microsoft complies with the rules & regulations of this country - and let Microsoft continue to create new products that can help the economy to recover instead of punishing one of the country's most successful companies.

I support the settlement that DOJ and Microsoft reached last year.

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